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 (Original, Design, National Stage of PCT, Supplemental)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

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- original
- design
- supplemental
- National Stage of PCT
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- continuation-in-part (see added page)

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe that the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) an original, first and joint inventors (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

KICK-DOWN SWITCHING SPEED OPTIMIZATION FOR AN AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

- (a) is attached hereto.
- (b) was filed on _____ as Serial No.
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(as Serial No. not yet known)
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).
- (c) was described and claimed in PCT International
Application No. PCT/EP00/12637 filed on
13 December 2000 (13.12.2000) and as amended under PCT
Article 19 on _____ (if any).

POWER OF ATTORNEY

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent Office all information which is known to be material to patentability of this application as defined in § 1.56 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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